



Wireless Internet Coming

By KATY BURNELL
Assistant News Editor

"UMW Wireless" signs have been popping up since November announcing the location of wireless access points, or "hot spots" around the Fredericksburg campus.

The new signs are the most visible evidence of the newly installed \$450,000 wireless network, which extends to the majority of all academic and administrative buildings.

The recent addition of wireless hot spots to Goolrick gym completes the first phase of installation, which began after the project's budget was approved mid-summer according to Gardner Campbell, English professor and assistant vice president for teaching and learning technologies.

Chief Information Officer Chip German said that plans currently exist to extend the network to the new indoor tennis facility, as well as to the outdoor tennis courts, but not to the residence halls.

"We've prioritized toward the academic and public spaces, and not the residence halls, but coverage for the common areas in the residence halls would be a very natural step along the way," German said.

Junior Rebecca Thomas, one of 10 users logged on to the new network on a recent Wednesday morning, thinks that the lack of wireless hot spots in the residence halls should be of more concern than the lack of hot spots at recreational facilities.

"I'd much rather be able to log onto the network from the common area in my dorm than I would at the tennis courts," Thomas said.

Other students agreed.

"Putting wireless at the tennis courts would be a misallocation of funds," said sophomore Steven Brooks. "I know they'd use it to post scores, but other than that I can't see why they'd need it."

Women's tennis head coach Pat Catullo said that from his perspective wireless coverage at the outdoor courts would be beneficial.

"Everything is generated through the internet—particularly updating scores," Catullo said. "We host so many collegiate level events because of the size of the new facility, and being able to update standings instantly would certainly be helpful."

Although the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech have larger wireless networks in place than Mary Washington, neither school has wireless coverage for their residence halls. However, William & Mary does extend coverage to the majority of their dormitories.

"I've seen more students make use of the wireless network in the dorm lounges than

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Winter Is Here

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By COREY BYERS
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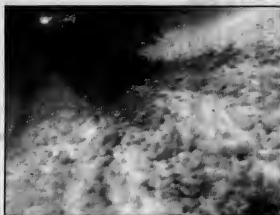
More snow may be on the way for the University of Mary Washington after a snowstorm hit the region Monday night through Tuesday morning.

Weather forecasts predict snow in the Fredericksburg area Friday morning.

Classes at both campuses of the University were not canceled earlier this week because administrators thought the campus grounds were clear enough to hold classes. Fredericksburg city schools were closed on Tuesday with a delay Wednesday morning.

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Top: Freshmen Kelley Hueber, left, and Caitlin Gordon walk through campus Tuesday night. Bottom: Sarah Falk, left, and Emily Gallagher sled in front of Russell Hall.

Roaches Ravage Randolph

By CASEY PHERSON
Staff Writer

The signs on the front door of Randolph Hall poke fun at the "Roach Fest" that has occurred inside the residence hall, but to the residents who live inside, it's no laughing matter.

Beginning late last week, many of the residents became aware of the roaches. They either came in the form of live roaches or in the form of nests. As a means of protection, the students placed the affected areas in large plastic bags and pushed them in the hallways. The furniture items ranged from small nightstands to drawers from the nightstands to desk drawers to dresser drawers and desk chairs.

The furniture was originally placed in the hallways, but was soon moved when issues of fire hazards arose. It was then moved to study rooms and other nooks and crannies in the building.

"We realized there was a problem at 11 o'clock Friday night when the entire hall was screaming and taking the furniture out of their rooms. That's when we started to look," said sophomore Jessica Gochman. "This was definitely a first floor bonding experience."

Gochman didn't personally see any roaches in her room.

"We hadn't seen any in our room, but our suitmates kept telling us how they were killing roaches," Gochman said. "I looked, but I didn't really find anything, but I was also looking for something a lot bigger than what they were."

The type of roaches that are inhabiting Randolph are called brown bandit roaches. These particular roaches are normally transported in the building typically on furniture. They are not particularly aggressive, nor are they known to carry diseases. The eggs the roaches lay, which were found in several instances in the residence hall, have a dormant life of anywhere from ninety days to 220 days, depending on climate.

Wednesday afternoon, Residence Life in conjunction with facilities services and Connor's Pest Control, the company that services UMW, held an information session to alleviate some stresses the students may have had. Approximately 35 students attended the meeting.

"This didn't happen over night," commented Connor's Pest Control manager John McGee. "A student told me that she had seen one or two, but they weren't really concerned because she had been told that [the roaches] were here and wouldn't really go away."

McGee then emphasized to the students that any time they see a roach, it needs to be documented and a work order needs to be filed.

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Kemp Says Farewell

By RACHEL NANIA
Staff Writer

This fall when Mary Ann Davidson got her senior check-sheet, she noticed that 13 credits from her study abroad program last semester were missing from the checklist. Her study in Italy was supposed to fulfill her requirement for Italian 202, plus 10 elective credits.

"I went to Kemp [in the Registrar's office] to fix it," said Davidson, a senior business major. "I sat down with her for about three minutes and it was fixed immediately."

However, starting Jan. 1, 2006, it may not be so easy for graduating seniors to make sure all their credits are correct for graduation.

Mary Kemp, assistant registrar for degree audit, who spends her whole summer preparing the senior check-sheets by hand, is retiring at the end of this semester.

All graduating seniors receive senior check-sheets at the beginning of their senior year to inform them of the classes and requirements they have left to finish before graduation. Kemp does these

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Courtesy Neva S. Trems

Mary Kemp

How Are 'U' Doing?

By AMANDA CRISSUP
Copy Editor

Dec. 9 is the last day to withdraw from the semester but some students may not know that this is an option they should consider.

At midterms, Academic Services sends out e-mails to students who received at least two unsatisfactory grades from their professors.

"Some people are just so inundated with e-mails that they just don't open it," said Dean JoAnn Schraass.

As head of Academic Services, Schraass said that many students don't have their first meaningful conversation about their progress in a class until they return home for Thanksgiving break. At that point though it's often too late for the usual services her department provides.

Schraass said academic services offers initial time management consultations, tutoring and study skills workshops. These services are available to all students, but those

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Sunny

High: 39
Low: 28



FRIDAY
Snow
(Woo-hoo!)

High: 40
Low: 18



SATURDAY
Sunny

High: 44
Low: 24



SUNDAY
Partly cloudy

High: 46
Low: 25



MONDAY
Showers

High: 46
Low: 2562

Verbatim ...

"This holiday season, some people might waste their entire winter deciding whether to pop their collars or not."

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Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Nov. 18—Between 12:55 and 1 p.m. a student reported to police that someone stole a Sony Vaio laptop, valued at \$1,449, from a room on the third floor of Willard Hall. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 19—At 3:49 a.m. a 21-year-old male resident of the Apartments and two 18-year-old female residents of Russell Hall reported to police that they were held at gun point and robbed while off campus in Fredericksburg. The case is under investigation.

Nov. 19—At 10:41 p.m., police received a report of a suspicious male asking students for money in front of the Underground. Police issued Lawrence Kinny, a 32-year-old male resident of Fredericksburg, a trespass warning.

Dec. 1—At 9:57 p.m., an 18-year-old male resident of Alvey Hall reported to police that he was assaulted by three intoxicated males

in front of George Washington Hall. According to police, the suspects ran off. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Dec. 1—At 4:45 p.m., an 18-year-old female resident of Mercer Hall reported receiving a series of sexual advances from an 18-year-old male resident of Mercer Hall. According to police, two of these instances constitute sexual battery. The student has been referred to administration and the investigation is continuing for criminal charges.

Dec. 2—At 12:04 a.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Marshall Hall reported to police that a male made verbal, sexually suggestive comments to her while she was walking along Hanover Street near the Alumni Executive Center. Police were unable to locate the suspect. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.



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Tait & Teller

Ask
The
Newsies

What happens in George Washington Hall when it starts snowing? Who makes the decisions about closing school?

What? School wasn't closed? Well, if you'd read the front page of this week's *Bullet* instead of just skipping to the Police Beat, you might know.

But we'll give you the quick play-by-play anyway.

We checked out your question with one of our favorite administrators, Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Turns out that another one of our favorite administrators, Rick Hurley, executive vice president, has the final say. He confers with other University officials, as well as officials at the Stafford campus.

They have until 3 p.m. to make a decision during the work day about evening classes, and until 5:30 a.m. to decide after hours.

Then, University police, news and information services and facilities services

receive a heads-up. (Tait & Teller adore all of these three departments. Badge-bunny Tait leans toward the police, while Teller is the No. 1 fan of news and information services.)

So, we bet you're wondering why school wasn't cancelled Tuesday. It wasn't, in fact, a grinch behind the scenes.

Bottom line: Did you really think classes would be cancelled? C'mon, it's the week before final exams. It would take another Hurricane Isabel blowing down trees and knocking out power to keep the University from opening. Plus, the roads weren't that bad.

As for the point of snow, Tait & Teller would like to wish you all, our loyal readers, happy holidays and good luck on your finals. Thanks for reading. Send us your questions. We love you guys. We'll be back in January.

But seriously, send in questions.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are *The Bulletin's* news editors

Bugs Infest

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"[Students] shouldn't wait until they're over-run by them to tell someone," he said.

"Pest control is most effective when reported in a timely manner," said Natalie Ellis, associate director of Residence Life. "At the very first sighting, residents should promptly contact a member of their building staff so that the appropriate response to address the problem can occur."

The problem will be solved.

"We're going to fix this," said Stewart Sullivan of facilities services. "We realize there's a problem, but it's controllable. We haven't had this issue to this degree before."

The problem started recently.

"We've known that there have been cockroaches, but it really started becoming a problem around two weeks ago," said sophomore Heather Dunn, who lives on the fifth floor.

When Dunn and her roommates found out about the problem, they began to look around the room.

"Feverishly we looked," said Dunn's roommate, Claire Ascenta. "We didn't just look through the desks. We flipped the desks on their sides and went on a cockroach safari."



Monday night, an e-mail was forwarded to residents by their resident assistants which infuriated some students.

"I felt it was pretty ridiculous that they said they only found one cockroach in the building when clearly it's a much bigger problem," said Kaitlyn Gardy, also a roommate of Dunn's.

Gochman agreed. "I think that the session they had today handled it perfectly," Gochman said. "It would have been much better had it happened last week, however."

M c G e e commended the students and staff for helping the pest control company by putting notes denoting exactly where the problems were outside the door.

Ellis suggests students throw away any left over food, crumbs or empty pizza boxes as they may attract the pests.

"What [students] should not do is use over-the-counter methods, such as Raid or Black Flag, because these tend to counteract any method used by pest control specialists," he said.

Randolph Hall will be getting extensive treatments during the winter break to fix the problem before the students return in January.

Unsatisfactory Midterm Grades

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who receive U's on their midterms may benefit the most from them.

Junior Mark Mac Millan didn't know the purpose of a U until he received one first semester of his sophomore year.

"I didn't know U's were given out until I got one," Mac Millan said.

The dictionary of academic services does not define the criteria or purpose of a U on a student's midterm. Schraass said it's very difficult to regulate unsatisfactory grades from upper level classes to one-hundred level classes. As a result assignment of a U grade at midterms varies from department to department and from professor to professor.

"I think our society craves consistency, but the

college experience doesn't lend itself to that," Schraass said.

Schraass said it is better this way so as not to limit academic freedom. Academic freedom is defined in the student handbook as the free pursuit of inquiry and expression. Accordingly, restrictions may be imposed that "ensure the orderly expression of ideas."

English professor Marn Scanlon said seven years ago when she first started teaching at Mary Washington she was not informed of any criteria that she needed to abide to when assigning U grades.

"I don't recall anyone ever telling me when I came what the grade should be used for," Scanlon said.

Schraass said that as a rule of thumb U's are generally assigned when students have less than a C in a class.

Scanlon said she personally assigns U's on midterms when a student infrequently attends class or rarely participates in a discussion-based class.

"I kind of see it as an early flag that somebody needs to change their ways or come see me," Scanlon said.

Physics professor George King treats U grades in a similar fashion.

"I want to alert them not that they are failing, but at the midpoint they have a D average and they're in trouble," King said.

He said he assigns an unsatisfactory on someone's midterm when they've consistently failed to turn in their work. However, King said options and help are available to his students who talk to him about their grade.

Mac Millan found that he was able to bring up his grade in the class by talking to his professor.

"It wasn't a big deal. I just needed to work a little harder and put more effort into the class," Mac Millan said.

Schraass said one of the biggest difficulties about informing students of their progress in a class at midterms is that sometimes, professors haven't assigned enough graded material at that

entry-level salary for both of these positions is \$17,610.

"Depending on the availability of funds, my first priority will be to increase the salaries of our custodians and groundskeepers to the recommended amounts," Anderson wrote in the memorandum.

Anderson's statement is consistent with what Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, has said for some time.

"We don't have money in the budget this fiscal year to take action at this high of a level," Hurley said at a living wage rally in October.

The committee also recommended implementing holiday bonuses for the University's lowest-paid employees. Anderson said this could not be accommodated due to lack of funds and fairness issues.

The committee was comprised of three vice presidents, students and faculty.

The members unanimously voiced their support for raising salaries of the University's lowest-paid classified employees.

point. Therefore, a U may be completely irrelevant to a student shortly after midterms.

"There's always been that balancing of being meaningful and being useful. They seem to be at odds with one another," Schraass said.

Schraass said freshmen are informed of U's during their freshman academic orientation and when they first meet with their advisors.

Freshman Gina Andreucci received a U this semester in biology but spoke to her professor about how she could do better.

"He didn't seem that worried about it," Andreucci said.

Unsatisfactory grades are also an important matter for student athletes. Men's and women's swimming coach Matt Kinney said every coach has his or her own policy for U grades. Kinney said he talks with his swimmers who receive an U one-on-one to come up with a plan. One option that his team has used in the past is that his team creates a study hall.

"Athletes are here for the academics but the reality is that it's really a matter of time management in terms of balancing the two," Kinney said. "They can do them both well. They shouldn't have to compromise."

University Making Plans To Get Unwired

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anywhere else on campus," said William & Mary sophomore Nancy Marsden. "It's the most logical place to have service because it's where we study, socialize and hang out."

The future of wireless coverage in the area by commercial providers such as Cox and Verizon has played a role in the decision not to install wireless hot spots in on-campus housing, according to German.

"Commercial providers are going to be blanketing the area with wireless signals soon," German said. "The question is: Is it worth using money from various sources including student tuition payments to put in a network that students may end up having a good commercial alternative to use in place of it?"

Even though he says resources are limited, German maintains that the school will continue to extend the wireless network as far as possible.

"Because the costs of implementing the network continue to decline, the border on where we can extend the network continues to creep outward," German said.

Campbell supports installing wireless hot spots in on-campus housing.

"It's important to provide this capability for the residence halls—at least for the common areas," Campbell said. "It makes sense to have wireless everywhere, and while we do have to define priorities, we will advocate for that capability."

He also believes Mary Washington is "behind the curve" when it comes to wireless technology.

German acknowledged that Mary Washington "couldn't afford to stay behind any longer" if it wanted to remain competitive with other higher learning institutions.

"We were getting closer to the point where we would lose student applicants to the University

because we didn't have a good wireless network here," German said.

Many Virginia state schools already have extensive wireless networks in place. Virginia Tech's Web site said wireless network coverage extended to 85 percent of its campus by August 2004, and William & Mary was recently included in Intel Corp.'s annual list of the top 50 "Most Unwired College Campuses."

Campbell said the number one question prospective students ask concerning technology on campus is whether or not Mary Washington has wireless capabilities.

"What we were finding was that we were hearing about wireless networking from our main constituents," Campbell said. "The students were coming to expect it."

Admissions Counselor Charmayne Staloff confirmed that prospective students are very interested in wireless networking.

"Every kid I've talked to from here to

Connecticut I've talked to about the new wireless network," Staloff said.

Campbell cited this summer's sales numbers of desktop and laptop computers through the Mary Washington bookstore as evidence of the fact that demand for wireless technology is on the rise.

Between June 1 and Nov. 15, Mary Washington sold 283 laptops and 22 desktops through the Dell Web site, which is 50 laptops more and 33 desktops fewer than the sales for the 2004-2005 school year, according to Erma Baker, assistant vice president of business services.

The \$450,000 for the new network came out of funds that the University was holding in reserve to pay for a new convocation center, according to German.

"No negative statement about the convocation center, but I'm happy that it was delayed for awhile so that this project could come out of it," German said.

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Editorial

Happy... Whatever You Happen To Celebrate

The month of December brings many things: snow, finals, the end of classes, the annual attempt to neuter Christmas.

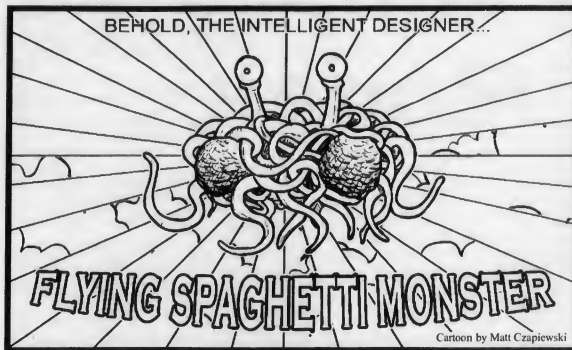
Here we go again, folks, happy holidays, enjoy your holiday tree.

The problem is such: the majority of Americans celebrate Christmas. Some for religious reasons, and some for other reasons. Yet, for some reason, this majority doesn't matter. Sure, we are a country founded on tolerance, but what happened to tolerance for Christmas and the Christian holidays?

Not only is it stupid to call the national Christmas tree a holiday tree, it's insulting. Have menorahs ever been referred to as a holiday lamp?

Tolerance comes in all forms for all walks of life. No one is asking Hanukkah or Kwanzaa to change their colors. And they shouldn't, because that would be, frankly, dumb.

So with that, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and enjoy your break.



For more information, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flying_spaghetti_monster.

Intelligent Design Controversy Heats Up

By BEN FRANKLIN
Guest Columnist

In early November, the Kansas Board of Education voted to allow the inclusion of theories that contradict the long-accepted Darwinian theory of evolution in the public school science curriculum.

One such theory, Intelligent Design, is a revival of Christian creationism and argues that the universe is far too complex to have developed without the help of an "intelligent designer." This theory has been picked up by right-wing groups, which now are pressuring public school systems to allow Intelligent Design to be taught in their classrooms.

This should concern all those who proudly tout their public school education and those who value American society. Intelligent Design is not a theory but rather a theology unsubstantiated by scientific evidence.

In light of this, the scientific community has roundly rejected Intelligent Design. Even its few supporters within the science world, including its chief advocate Dr. Michael Behe, have admitted that it cannot be supported by experiment.

The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires the

separation of church and state. Including Intelligent Design in the science classroom would clearly violate this clause.

Furthermore, American society is characterized by cultural and religious diversity that requires the separation of church and state in order to function as well as it does.

Justice Felix Frankfurter wrote in his 1948 opinion on *McCullum v. Board of Education*, "If nowhere else, in the relation between Church and State, good fences make good neighbors."

Unlike the poem to which he alludes, the purpose of Frankfurter's statement was not irony but advocacy. He strongly advances the view that the division of church and state is essential in American society.

Not only does the acceptance of Intelligent Design violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, but it also erodes an important principle in American society.

Beyond the constitutionally-inappropriate and socially damaging effects of merging science and religion, the inclusion of Intelligent Design will harm the quality of education students receive. Some studies suggest that up to 95 percent of Americans are scientifically illiterate.

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Commuters Feel Cheated

By JEFFREY LONGO
Guest Columnist

This semester is remarkably similar to previous semesters for many commuters at UMW, except for one major distinction: It's much worse.

With the school admitting more and more students each year for the past several years, students now are commuting to UMW in record numbers.

This, combined with losing the Alvey lot due to construction of the parking deck, has left commuting students sprawling into the surrounding community, often receiving fines due to parking in "restricted" areas.

In response, Richard Hurley, vice president of business and finance, has asked for patience as the school struggles through its last year of parking woes. However, little has been done to resolve the issue this year.

Some commuter parking has been compensated for, but mostly in the form of combined residential-commuter lots. Hurley has sent an e-mail asking residential students to leave their cars at home that has gone largely ignored. Therefore, commuters arrive to find these lots already full.

Also, despite the fact that UMW owns land near the armory that could be used as parking for commuters (and a shuttle be run between it and the university), Hurley is quoted in e-mail correspondence as saying that such a solution is not "economical."

In addition, selective enforcement of UMW parking policies has left the few commuter spaces we have plagued with residential vehicles that go un-ticketed.

So how does this "solution" leave the University legally? When you agree to attend classes at UMW, register and pay tuition, you are making an agreement that the school will provide services to you in exchange for a disclosed sum of money. In this case, these services include those that facilitate learning, i.e. providing qualified instructors, class space, etc.

Since the University currently accepts more students than it can house, it knows that a certain number of them will be commuter students. Therefore, in the case of commuters, there also is an expectation that the University will make its best effort to provide a means for commuters to receive the pre-stated services.

Commuters who pay tuition have a right to receive the education that they are paying for. When they come to the University to receive their education, they expect that the University is putting out its best effort to give them equal access to that education as residential students.

If the school doesn't have room for parking spaces, then commuters have an expectation that something is being done to reasonably guarantee that they can access the services that they pay for when they pay tuition. Currently, that is not the case, and therefore UMW is in breach of contract.

I am a commuter, and have spoken to Richard Hurley about the situation in a series of e-mails. I suggested solutions for the current year, and he rejected all of them.

He recommended that I park in the unregulated community spots a few blocks away, an idea which presents ethical and legal issues that I don't have space to go into here.

I am sick of this University stepping all over its students like they don't exist until they are alumni. I am about to graduate and simply do not have the stamina left to fight this battle, but I hope that there is someone out there who is will step up to the University and say, "Enough is enough!"

Jeffrey Longo is a senior.

'Tis The Season To Be Grateful

By SHIN FUJUYAMA
Guest Columnist

Many of the orphans I met in Honduras walked for miles to get to the city's trash dumps to search for food.

Surviving on rotten cabbage and other things we would never consider eating, they made about \$3 a day from selling cans and bottles they collected. Parasites and toxic fumes of trash being burned right next to them made them all sick and their hair color change.

They wanted to go to school but couldn't sacrifice what they made at the trash dump to feed their brothers and sisters.

Only children with shoes and those who could afford 30 cents for bus fare could go. When they slept, there were no nightlights to help them sleep, but cardboard walls that seeped water when it rained.

Copprome, a small orphanage in the city of El Progreso, offers a glimpse of hope to these children. I try to go back every break, and spent three months there this summer trying to figure out a way to uplift its impoverished condition.

Copprome, with 50 or so children between the ages three and 18, is struggling desperately to

make ends meet. Its budget is a meager \$40,000 per year, less than the average income of one family in Fairfax County.

When visitors come to Copprome, all the kids run over and hug them. Having been ignored, shooed away, and treated like trash their entire lives, they are so happy to know that people care enough to visit them. The children in the center have to share shoes and eat only rice and beans for every meal. They have never gotten a Christmas present or a birthday gift.

Monchito, a 5-year-old orphan who was found beaten by drunkards before coming to the orphanage, told me that his biggest joy is when they give him milk once a month.

Merlin, another boy in Copprome, keeps on getting seizures at night because they can't afford to buy medication for his epilepsy.

One Friday evening, I came back to the orphanage with a leftover Burger King bag I was ready to throw out. The children took the bag out of the trash can and split between more than 10 of them the three or four pieces of French fries I had left and a piece of the bun that was still there.

Despite these difficult times, I have never seen the children complain a single time, not even when they had to skip meals because there

was a shortage of food. Having come from a life of more hardships than most of us will ever experience, they are grateful for everything at their new home.

Just picture the simple things we take for granted, like our dining hall. The children would consider each meal a feast. The area near the trash can outside Seacoast might finally be clean if the children came because 10-year-old Rosibel would pick up all the fruit people throw outside to feed her younger brother and sister, 9-year-old Irma and 4-year-old Olvin.

This holiday season, some people might waste their entire winter deciding whether to pop their collars or not. Children in places like Honduras will be deciding how to split a piece of bread among four siblings.

A friend of mine, Brian Strider, collected \$10,000 for people in Africa by posting his idea on Facebook.

The fact that he can bench press 500 pounds wasn't what made it possible; it was his willingness to spend a few moments to come up with a simple yet imaginative plan and his inclination to help people he doesn't even know.

During our lifetime, there are too many kids in this world, even in our own country, who need a helping hand, and not enough time for us to be complaining about petty things.

On behalf of children who are barely grasping onto life, why don't we take a moment this holiday season to remember how fortunate we are because we have everything that kids in places like Copprome could only dream about.

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Features

Senior Raises Relief Money

By AMY MALONEY
Staff Writer

Lately it seems as though the world has been plagued with disaster after disaster. The people of the world have been forced to endure earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, droughts, tsunamis, landslides, terrorism, hunger, sickness and death.

This fall, University of Mary Washington senior Brian Strider decided to do what he could to help out international victims of natural disaster. He created a group on the popular online social network Facebook, called "Donations."

For every person who joined the group, Strider promised to donate 25 cents to the Red Cross South Asia Earthquake relief effort, specifically for those who need food and shelter in India and Pakistan.

"Facebook just seemed like a great online community program," Strider said. "I thought it would be a neat idea, not only to bring recognition to the earthquake that had just occurred and that we need to help out over there, but also to bring people together for the cause."

The group currently has 775 members, and Strider has donated close to \$200 to victims of the Oct. 8 earthquake that devastated parts of India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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Bands Battle For Peers And Prizes

By MEGHAN COYLE
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Seven bands performed this year, bringing a variety of music – though most within the "rock" category – as well as talent, providing an interesting selection of bands for the show.

The first act of the evening, The Social Dropouts, was a raucous hardcore punk band based out of Richmond and fronted by sophomore Max Shoup. Aside from being the first act of Mary Washington's own battle of the bands, The Social Dropouts have played with bands such as the Casualties and compared themselves to the The Exploited or GBH.

The band came out onstage in a sea of leather and spikes, with Shoup evolving from college sophomore to punk rock god, screaming in the faces of the crowd, all with the switch of a microphone. The only problem with the Dropouts came with the breaking of a guitar string, causing them to play without guitar for a portion of their performance.

"If we won tonight we would use the money for a demo," Shoup said.

With the set change came Success, a band fronted by senior Dave Riley, with senior Dan Fovargue on guitar and senior Adam Jacobson on drums. While The Social Dropouts have been a group with somewhat rotating members for four years, Success was a slightly different story.

"We've been together for about five days now," Riley said.

Success, whose name came from a Bob Dylan music video, played their own kind of old-school rock / blues. Fovargue's second band, Tiabljaj, followed them. Tiabljaj is of another completely different category within rock music, with influences everywhere from Metallica to Green Day.

The next act, Broken Blue Centerlight, comprised of sophomores Jamie Moynihan, Dave Glover, Ross Berge, J.K. Thompson and Albert Morzoyan, played their power-pop/ rock-inspired classics to a screaming crowd of fans (many being the band members' girlfriends). The

boys, who formed last year on the third floor of Russell Hall, went on to take the coveted \$400 prize for the evening.

Next came 5 Elements, leading into the sixth act of the night, the Scott Stapp Five (named for the former front man of Creed) – also known as seniors Russ Friedell, Kai Crowe-Getty, Dimitri Salonikios, Dave Hitchins and Jon Bibb.

"We're doing this for the fame, not the money... but we'll take whatever we can get," Salonikios said.

The band then continued to compare themselves to everything from Barry Bonds to Flounder from the Little Mermaid. They were unfazed by their competition the evening.

"They're awful," Friedell said.

Salonikios shared his band-mate's confident sentiment.

"No one could compare to Scott Stapp," he said.

The Scott Stapp Five went on to declare themselves Scientologists, and won third place.

The final act of the night, The Ampersands, brain-child of seniors Dave Hutchinson, Mandy Gabriel, Nick Franciose and sophomore Adam Holofcener, took home second place with their unique blend of self-proclaimed loud zombie rock.

Hutchinson was satisfied with the second-place win.

"It was one of the best shows we've played at this point and we got to play in front of a lot of new people, which is always important," Hutchinson said. "The money's good and it will help us; I'm not going to pretend that those things aren't important, but it was good just to play in front of those people."

The night was a success even though it did not go as planned, with the second half of the show having to get scrapped due to time issues, and the usual sound difficulties that come with each band.

There was also a problem of a missing judge, with senior, and Honor Council president B.J. Huff coming to the rescue at the last minute to fulfill his judging destiny. The night, in all actuality, was one of the easiest parts of the Battle of the Bands.

The most difficult aspect of the show was simply getting bands to play.

"Publicity on campus is becoming quite the hardship – but after I had gotten bands signed up it wasn't that bad at all," said Holofcener,



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a prize being offered – their incentive was to play for an audience of their peers.

"We just wanted to play, we had no clue there was a prize," Moynihan said.

Students Shake Up Shakespeare

By ELIZABETH PHELPS
Staff Writer

After the final bow of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)," a collective sigh was heard throughout the Studio 115 theater, the result of the audience members trying to catch their breath after a solid 97 minutes (or so) of laughter.

"In three words: asphyxiation by comedy," said

Emily Guise, a senior art history major. "I saw it two times. It was an excellent play with a good cast."

"The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)" is a fast paced attempt to compile all 37 of William Shakespeare's works into just one hour-and-a-half-long show. The play, which ran on Friday and Saturday nights in the sold-out, 40-seat Studio 115 blackbox theater in duPont Hall, starred sophomore Mary V. Pilger, freshman Katie Robinson and sophomore Kyle Schuster as Reduced Fredericksburg Theater Company members Jess, Donna and Adam, respectively.

Beginning with a quick overview of Shakespeare – including the information that Shakespeare may have been responsible for the Nazi invasion of Poland – and cast reservations about their knowledge of the material, the play quickly segued into a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" with freshman Robinson and sophomore Schuster playing all parts of the play and sophomore Pilger narrating.

Including several costume changes, from sparkly vests to dresses and back, and various different voices to represent new

characters, the manic interpretation showcased the actors' comedic styles and set the tone for the rest of the play.

The show moved on to Pilger performing an interpretation of "Titus Andronicus" as a cooking show using a prisoner as the main ingredient and was followed by "Othello" in the form of a rap to make up for the casts' "physical limitation" of being white, since Othello is not.

The characters began cutting time from the works by first asking the Bard, "Why'd you have to write 16 comedies when you could have just written one?" and by combining all 16 of Shakespeare's "formulaic" comedies into one frenzied rendition, which they called "The Comedy of Two Well-Measured Gentlemen Lost in the Merry Wives of Venice on a Midsummer's Twelfth Night in Winter."

The show moved on to "Macbeth," spoken in over-the-top Scottish caricatures, rolled R's, kilts, and all. The cast then breezed through "Julius Caesar," "Antony and Cleopatra" and "Two Noble Kinsmen" before spending a little more time on "Troilus and Cressida," where Schuster issued one of the funniest lines of the night: "I love interpretive dance-performance art. It's so pretentious," he said before dancing with a giant bag of pretzels.

In one of the more inspired gags of the night, the cast related all of Shakespeare's history plays in a game of football, with each player acting the part of several different kings, vying for the crown that took the place of the ball in the skit. And all of this was before intermission.

With only the daunting "Hamlet" left to cover in the second half of the show, Schuster's character was told, "You don't have to do it justice, you just have to do it."

Making "Hamlet" fast, funny and even backward was quite an

accomplishment, as was the forced participation of unsuspecting audience member Ashleigh DeWitt as Ophelia.

"I was very embarrassed," said DeWitt, a junior English major. "But two of the people in it were my really good friends, so it was okay."

The rendition also included a workshop with audience participation, where each section of the crowd had to yell a different line to represent Freud's ideas of the id, the ego, and the superego of Ophelia. "Maybe, maybe not," "Get thee to a nunnery," and "Cut the crap Hamlet, my biological clock is ticking and I want babies now!" were some of the various phrases shouted by the viewers.

Ending with Hamlet acted out fast, faster, and culminating in a backwards version, the play was an extremely witty overview of Shakespeare's works.

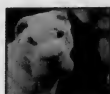
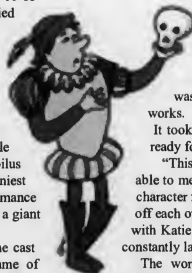
It took the cast and crew a lot of time to get the play ready for performance.

"This show took two months of rehearsal, just to be able to memorize the lines for a start, then find a different character for each well, character, and to learn how to work off each other and stay in character," Pilger said. "I mean, with Katie and Kyle around it's near impossible not to be constantly laughing."

The work was originally performed in 1987 by the Reduced Shakespeare Company and has found its way onto many other stages as well.

Senior Katie Dunham had seen the play on PBS and performed by community theaters and liked Mary Washington's version.

"I was very impressed, especially since I'd seen it before and had stuff to compare it to," said Dunham. "It was better than most of the Mary Washington plays I've seen."



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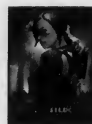
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Top 3 Movies

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1. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"



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What's your most often used expression?



"It's Whatever."

—Jordan Webb,
Freshman



"Let's talk
about it."

—Emma Klemm,
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"Fupa."

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"Sweeeet."

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Punk Benefits Living Wage

By ERICA JACKSON
Staff Writer

Saturday night, the Living Wage Coalition held a benefit concert in The Underground, hosting five local punk bands and approximately 70 spectators. The concert was held to raise awareness about the living wage campaign, which seeks to increase the wages of the lowest paid employees at the University of Mary Washington, who currently fall below the poverty level in Fredericksburg.

The concert raised nearly \$300, which will be split between Living Wage and Knowmore, a corporate watch organization. Both groups will use the funds to raise awareness of pressing social issues.

Living Wage member Patrick McGowan, a senior, thanked the crowd for coming to the show.

"Just by coming out and donating a little money you guys are helping out a lot," said McGowan.

The night's lineup included performances by The Offering, Burn Me Alive, Distorted Truth, Drawn a Blank and The Misdled. The bands were not paid for their performances.

Freshman Living Wage member Jeff May organized the show, using the online forum Myspace.com to recruit bands. He messaged more than ten bands, and heard back from five.

"I did try to look for bands that were more socially conscious, but at the same time I think the ones that were more socially conscious were more willing to do the show," May said.

Faithful to the tradition of punk music, most of the bands did have an air of activism to them, performing songs with titles such as "War is Murder" and "Conforming to Nonconformity."

During their set, The Misdled's lead singer spoke out about the living wage issue.

"If you don't do anything about it, one day it's eventually going to affect you. So it's good that you guys are doing this," he said.

The show started at 8:30 p.m. with a performance by The Offering, a three-piece Fredericksburg outfit backed by a drum machine. A mixture of psychedelic rock and "Indie PsychPunk" (according to the promotional flyer), May chose the band as an opening act because of their broader appeal. The crowd was receptive, although they largely shied away from the stage.

The next band on queue was Burn Me Alive, a hardcore/metal band from Fredericksburg who cite their influences as "metal, horror punk and beer." In a brown jacket and baseball cap, the lead singer stood out from his black-clad band mates, but his average-Joe looks were forgotten as soon as he opened his mouth. His tortured, powerful voice and energetic stage presence stood out from his mellow, though competent, band mates. As the band played, more people arrived and approached the stage until the majority of the crowd was gathered there. They wrapped up their 30-minute set with a Misfits cover, which was a big hit with the crowd.

Distorted Truth, a high school punk band from northern Virginia, played next. Audience members looked on skeptically as the musicians — some as young as 16-years-old — quickly set up. However, as the band ripped into their first song, most of the crowd seemed impressed with their solid, fast-paced punk vibe. Lead singer Julia Lange carried the songs with her powerful, accusing voice.

"This is the first real show we've played, so it's pretty exciting," Lange said. "I was definitely nervous onstage."

Besides four original songs, Distorted Truth played covers of songs by Rise Against and Anti-Flag, both of which were very popular with the crowd.

Fredericksburg's Drawn a Blank were next on the roster. They played without a glitch despite the fact that they hadn't practiced or performed in nearly a year.

Although they looked more like a group of fraternity brothers than a punk band, they pulled the audience in with their raw and rapid sound. Their most popular song was a cover of Rage Against the Machine's "Killing in the Name Of," during which all of the band members traded instruments with each other. The crowd got rowdy during the rebellious song, as many slammed into each other violently until they were asked to stop.

Nearing midnight, Blacksburg's The Misdled gave the final performance of the show, after some slight technical difficulties. They describe their music as "melodic hardcore-infused punk rock, with metal influenced rhythmic patterns." They ended up playing one of the more solid sets of the evening, despite the diminished crowd.

May was hopeful that the concert was successful in spreading awareness of the living wage issue.

"I kind of got the feeling that the bands were more interested in promoting these ideas than the people who went to see the bands," May said.

A student at Rappahannock Community College, admitted that she was more interested in the music.

"I don't really care either way (about the issue)," she said. "He was talking about not shopping at Wal-Mart. I like Wal-Mart."

The majority of the crowd was made up of non-UMW students, including a great number of high-schoolers.

"I was kind of disappointed by the turnout of people on campus," said May after the show. "I don't know if people were turned off by the fact... that most of the bands were punk bands. I'm not too sure about how many people on campus are into that music."

However, the turnout was not unimpressive.

"This is a pretty good turnout. We don't expect a lot on a Saturday night," said freshman Living Wage member Sylvia Sierra, collecting donations at the door.

May mentioned the possibility of another benefit show in the spring, which will offer bands with a broader appeal.

"Hopefully more people will come next time," May said.

Bullet Hits

*A Look Inside A Bullet
Writer's Top Five Picks*

**This week:
Independent Films**

By TIERNEY MCAFEE
Staff Writer

1. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

In this unique and complex love story, Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet undergo a procedure to erase each other from their memories, and through this process fall in love all over again. Irresistibly eccentric and surprisingly heartfelt, this film explores questions about love, pain and fate in a new and refreshing way. It is worth watching a second or third time to pick up on all the things you missed the first time around.

2. Lost in Translation

This is Sofia Coppola's touching and subtly moving film about two lost souls (Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson) who meet in Tokyo and form an unlikely bond. Bill Murray is nothing short of brilliant in this heart-breaking, yet often hilarious film that simultaneously defeats and inspires as it faces the big question: who the hell am I? And also, just what does he whisper into her ear at the end of the movie?

3. Before Sunset

A rare example of the sequel surpassing the original, this film by director Richard Linklater is short and sweet and one of the best romantic films I have ever seen. Nine years after they parted in Vienna at the close of "Before Sunrise," Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) rediscover each other in Paris to reflect on their brief and lovely encounter. This cinematic gem is refreshingly unsentimental, with realistic and intelligent dialogue, and a surprisingly perfect ending. A great way to test your faith in romance.

4. Sideways

This laugh-out-loud, subtle tale about two middle-aged men embarking on a road trip through California's wine country is delightful from start to finish. With excellent performances by Paul Giamatti, Thomas Haden Church and Virginia Madsen, this film takes a rare and emotionally honest look at love, sex, and identity, and still manages to be truly hilarious. A wonderful excuse to drink wine.

5. Memento

An original and exhilarating fast-paced little puzzle that fans of The Usual Suspects will love piecing together. Leonard Shelby (Guy Pearce) sets out to avenge the rape and murder of his wife, but his mission is complicated by short-term memory loss. This movie basically unravels backwards, told in



forward flashes of events that are to come. Sound complicated? It is. But it's worth it in the end. Or the beginning. Whatever.



Daniel Coe/Bullet

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Robert Rycroft, a professor of economics, had one class which planned on presenting checks to two local non-profit organizations in a public ceremony Tuesday. Dorris Buffet, sister of billionaire Warren Buffet, gave the money to the class.

When the snow started coming down, Rycroft went ahead and reset the date, which he fears will affect public attendance and media coverage.

"Monday afternoon snow was coming down, we weren't sure how bad it would be," Rycroft said. "I decided to postpone until Thursday."

Rycroft said class plans were disrupted due to the change in date.

"Snow in February is not a big deal," he said. "Snow in the last week of classes is a big deal."

Stephanie Bowen, commuting student association president, said as of Wednesday afternoon she had not heard any direct complaints from commuting students about the decision to keep the University open.

"We all kind of predicted there would be a cancellation," Bowen said of her conversations with other student government executive cabinet members. "[But] based on the conditions, the snow wasn't sticking—because it was not sticking the prospect for cancellation was not really there."

One commuter out of Spotsylvania County was unable to leave her driveway on Tuesday morning because it had not been plowed before her first class.

"I can understand not wanting to just shut down the school just because there's a little bit of ice," said junior Kimberly Hardison. "But there's so many people that commute and having to risk going out on the unplowed streets; then, being penalized for not being there."



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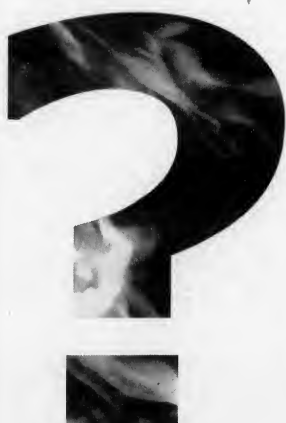
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Take A Stand For Education

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and, despite superpower status, the U.S. repeatedly ranks below other nations in science and math education.

Given that science education already is in decline in the United States, Americans cannot afford to confuse science and theology. Such confusion, in the long run, will harm the U.S. economy. What scientific or technological company will want to set up shop or invest in a country whose science education is sub-par?

Our economy is increasingly based in science and technology and if our educational system does not equip the next generation to compete in this market, then the economy, and in turn our standard of living, will suffer.

College students often feel that they have left high school behind and therefore need not care about issues that concern it. However, it is our responsibility to secure quality education for the coming generations and it is in our best interest, socially and economically, to ensure the separation of church and state.

How can this be done? Pay attention to what the local school boards are debating and write letters to school board members or attend their meetings to voice your view. In the past, the most effective way to battle the encroachment of theology on public schools has been legal action.

Certainly most college students do not have the grounds or the funds to launch a lawsuit, but researching the precedents and presenting them to board members may make them consider their decision carefully. It is funny how a little lawsuit can make one think twice before acting.

Ben Franklin is a senior.

Would Diversity By Any Other Name Sound Just As Sweet?

By **PATRICK BRILEY**
Guest Columnist

Diversity has become the darling of many an institution, but I wonder what diversity really means.

Here is the definition I've seen written in *The Bullet*: no matter how dissimilar two whites are to each other, they will never be as different as a white to a black.

For several weeks now, this diversity issue has trotted along in the Mary Washington newspaper without really much being said at all.

One of the most telling arguments about diversity is the use of aggressive recruitment tactics to get a "sufficient" number of minorities. Ignoring the problem of determining how many would be sufficient, let us think about the language being used.

While it is common knowledge that blacks are no longer chattel, it is apparently less commonly known that they are not commodities.

It has become quite fashionable to have minority friends, especially in a diversity-centric universe. Far be it from me to name names, but I know there are some of you who have minority friends just for the sake of having minority friends. Therein lies the falsehood of friendship in the P.C. world.

There are some other interesting arguments in previous articles. Two compared the College population to the Fredericksburg population (I say "College" because the graduate school population was not taken into account).

I'm not quite sure what the argument is there. If you compare the Fredericksburg population to the College population on the basis of some college completed it is 100 percent versus, let's say, 50-plus percent!

Here's another one: UMW has about a 70:30

female to male ratio while the surrounding community is closer to 50:50. Here again, Mary Washington is hardly representative of the community closest to it.

It would make more sense to compare the student racial makeup to the places where students come from anyway. Most students here come from the northern part of Virginia, where the minority population is even greater than in Fredericksburg at slightly over 40 percent.

Even if we did that though, what is the point? This is not a Fredericksburg or Alexandria high school where the local population makes up the student enrollment. Students come from all over Virginia, the nation and, to a lesser extent, the globe.

Another somewhat related point was that even though Mary Washington is a public university, it does not reflect Virginia's ethnic makeup (or gender makeup for that matter).

While that is true, here are another two public universities that don't: Norfolk State and Virginia State University. In fact, their enrollment percentages of a single ethnic group (blacks) are greater than Mary Washington's enrollment percentage of whites.

I think the next article I write will be to these two schools to tell them about all the diversity they're missing out on and how they don't have sufficient whites, or Asians for that matter.

Speaking of Asians, they present a problem. Asians attend college at a higher rate than their proportion in the population. I guess they're just going to have to stay at home and not go to college because, damn it, you need to stay within your racial proportions. After all, we have to be careful that our public institutions don't serve only one segment of the population. We need to have strict racial quotas.

Another article in *The Bullet* suggested that

many students across the campus were unhappy. While the cause wasn't determined, I think I can sum it up in two words: insufficient minorities.

Are you depressed? Why not try fast-acting minorities? In a double-blind study, participants preferred minorities 9-1 over milk of magnesia.

All seriousness aside, modern humans started out of a population of a few thousand. That's why "fill in the blank racial group" all look the same. Here is another way to think about the diversity problem on this campus: Race isn't real; it's a superficial characteristic that people are grouped into.

Now let us say instead of using the artificial construct of race, we use another superficial grouping of characteristics and we use these words for some of the things being said about diversity. The following are things that were said about minorities in the various articles written about diversity; I hope that paraphrasing it illustrates just how foolish it sounds.

FRESHMAN CLASS HAS 25 RED-HEADS. I hope that scholastic achievement weighs more importantly in admissions decisions than red-headedness.

The student learning experience is only enriched when we're allowed to share in the differences of redheads. Incorporating more redheads is an institutional priority. We need to do whatever it takes to get a sufficient number of redheads. I miss having friends of different hair colors, hair lengths, hairstyles, hair origins, etc. When I'm in a classroom, the first thing I notice is the lack of redheads. Students with different haircuts create diversity of thought and ergo create an intellectually-nurturing environment.

The lesson here is while it may be en vogue to talk about how great diversity is, still make a teeny tiny effort to actually make a point with what you're saying.

If a person wants to miss having friends of a different race, that is their business, but what I don't understand is why. I can understand missing a friend who happens to be of a different race; I cannot fathom missing their race any more than I can fathom missing someone's hair color.

And just so you know, I have a redheaded friend.

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director of news and information services for the institution, only one University-sponsored event at the Stafford campus was scheduled for Tuesday morning which went on as scheduled.

This week's snow may not have prompted any closings or delays for the University as a whole, but one professor in the economics department wasn't thrilled about the winter blast.

Robert Rycroft, a professor of economics, had one class which planned on presenting checks to two local non-profit organizations in a public ceremony Tuesday. Dorris Buffet, sister of billionaire Warren Buffet, gave the money to the class.

When the snow started coming down, Rycroft went ahead and reset the date, which he fears will affect public attendance and media coverage.

"Monday afternoon snow was coming down, we weren't sure how bad it would be," Rycroft said. "I decided to postpone until Thursday."

Rycroft said class plans were disrupted due to the change in date.

"Snow in February is not a big deal," he said. "Snow in the last week of classes is a big deal."

Stephanie Bowen, commuting student association president, said as of Wednesday afternoon she had not heard any direct complaints from commuting students about the decision to keep the University open.

"We all kind of predicted there would be a cancellation," Bowen said of her conversations with other student government executive cabinet members. "[But] based on the conditions, the snow wasn't sticking—because it was not sticking the prospect for cancellation was not really there."

One commuter out of Spotsylvania County was unable to leave her driveway on Tuesday morning because it had not been plowed before her first class.

"I can understand not wanting to just shut down the school just because there's a little bit of ice," said junior Kimberly Hardison. "But there's so many people that commute and having to risk going out on the unplowed streets; then, being penalized for not being there."



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Viewpoints

Take A Stand For Education

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and, despite superpower status, the U.S. repeatedly ranks below other nations in science and math education.

Given that science education already is in decline in the United States, Americans cannot afford to confuse science and theology. Such confusion, in the long run, will harm the U.S. economy. What scientific or technological company will want to set up shop or invest in a country whose science education is sub-par?

Our economy is increasingly based in science and technology and if our educational system does not equip the next generation to compete in this market, then the economy, and in turn our standard of living, will suffer.

College students often feel that they have left high school behind and therefore need not care about issues that concern it. However, it is our responsibility to secure quality education for the coming generations and it is in our best interest, socially and economically, to ensure the separation of church and state.

How can this be done? Pay attention to what the local school boards are debating and write letters to school board members or attend their meetings to voice your view. In the past, the most effective way to battle the encroachment of theology on public schools has been legal action.

Certainly most college students do not have the grounds or the funds to launch a lawsuit, but researching the precedents and presenting them to board members may make them consider their decision carefully. It is funny how a little lawsuit can make one think twice before acting.

Ben Franklin is a senior.

Would Diversity By Any Other Name Sound Just As Sweet?

By PATRICK BRILLEY
Guest Columnist

Diversity has become the darling of many an institution, but I wonder what diversity really means.

Here is the definition I've seen written in *The Bulletin*: no matter how dissimilar two whites are to each other, they will never be as different as a white to a black.

For several weeks now, this diversity issue has trotted along in the Mary Washington newspaper without really much being said at all.

One of the most telling arguments about diversity is the use of aggressive recruitment tactics to get a "sufficient" number of minorities. Ignoring the problem of determining how many would be sufficient, let us think about the language being used.

While it is common knowledge that blacks are no longer chattel, it is apparently less commonly known that they are not commodities.

It has become quite fashionable to have minority friends, especially in a diversity-centric universe. Far be it from me to name names, but I know there are some of you who have minority friends just for the sake of having minority friends. Therein lies the falsehood of friendship in the P.C. world.

There are some other interesting arguments in previous articles. Two compared the College population to the Fredericksburg population (I say "College" because the graduate school population was not taken into account).

I'm not quite sure what the argument is there. If you compare the Fredericksburg population to the College population on the basis of some college completed it is 100 percent versus, let's say, 50-plus percent!

Here's another one: UMW has about a 70:30

female to male ratio while the surrounding community is closer to 50:50. Here again, Mary Washington is hardly representative of the community closest to it.

It would make more sense to compare the student racial makeup to the places where students come from anyway. Most students here come from the northern part of Virginia, where the minority population is even greater than in Fredericksburg at slightly over 40 percent.

Even if we did that though, what is the point? This is not a Fredericksburg or Alexandria high school where the local population makes up the student enrollment. Students come from all over Virginia, the nation and, to a lesser extent, the globe.

Another somewhat related point was that even though Mary Washington is a public university, it does not reflect Virginia's ethnic makeup (or gender makeup for that matter).

While that is true, here are another two public universities that don't: Norfolk State and Virginia State University. In fact, their enrollment percentages of a single ethnic group (blacks) are greater than Mary Washington's enrollment percentage of whites.

I think the next article I write will be to these two schools to tell them about all the diversity they're missing out on and how they don't have sufficient whites, or Asians for that matter.

Speaking of Asians, they present a problem. Asians attend college at a higher rate than their proportion in the population. I guess they're just going to have to stay at home and not go to college because, damn it, you need to stay within your racial proportions. After all, we have to be careful that our public institutions don't serve only one segment of the population. We need to have strict racial quotas.

Another article in *The Bulletin* suggested that

many students across the campus were unhappy. While the cause wasn't determined, I think I can sum it up in two words: insufficient minorities.

Are you depressed? Why not try fast-acting minorities? In a double-blind study, participants preferred minorities 9-1 over milk of magnesia.

All seriousness aside, modern humans started out of a population of a few thousand. That's why "fill in the blank racial group" all look the same. Here is another way to think about the diversity problem on this campus: Race isn't real; it's a superficial characteristic that people are grouped into.

Now let us say instead of using the artificial construct of race, we use another superficial grouping of characteristics and we use these words for some of the things being said about diversity. The following are things that were said about minorities in the various articles written about diversity: I hope that paraphrasing it illustrates just how foolish it sounds.

FRESHMAN CLASS HAS 25 RED-HEADS. I hope that scholastic achievement weighs more importantly in admissions decisions than red-headedness.

The student learning experience is only enriched when we're allowed to share in the differences of redheads. Incorporating more redheads is an institutional priority. We need to do whatever it takes to get a sufficient number of redheads. I miss having friends of different hair colors, hair lengths, hairstyles, hair origins, etc. When I'm in a classroom, the first thing I notice is the lack of redheads. Students with different haircuts create diversity of thought and ergo create an intellectually-nurturing environment.

The lesson here is while it may be en vogue to talk about how great diversity is, still make a teeny tiny effort to actually make a point with what you're saying.

If a person wants to miss having friends of a different race, that is their business, but what I don't understand is why. I can understand missing a friend who happens to be of a different race; I cannot fathom missing their race any more than I can fathom missing someone's hair color.

And just so you know, I have a redheaded friend.

Patrick "Bee Sting" Brille is a junior who knows the three words every girl wants to hear: "Damn, you fine."

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Field Hockey Player Maguire Leaves Big Cleats To Fill



Courtesy Brynn Maguire

Senior Brynn Maguire (left) battles with an opponent for control of the ball. Maguire led the Eagles for the past four years to two NCAA tournaments and has led the team in goals, points, assists and shots.

By **KELLY GASKILL**
Staff Writer

Her lightning speed, killer shots, and humble personality make it hard for anyone to miss senior Brynn Maguire, one of the University of Mary Washington's most skilled field hockey players.

Just one week ago Maguire was named a first team all-American, an honor that has not been received by another UMW player since 2001. The selection was made by Dartfish and the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association.

Maguire would be the last to admit it, but over the past four years she has helped turn the Eagle's field hockey team a very successful program.

According to teammate sophomore Kiri Jimerson, Maguire led the Eagles to victory on multiple occasions by boosting team morale and putting the needs of the team well before her own.

"I can remember a lot of times when we'd be warming up for a game and we wouldn't be playing with all the intensity we had," said Jimerson. "Brynn always gathered us into a huddle and helped us re-focus so we could bring

our intensity level back up to where it normally is. She knew how to motivate us."

Over the years, Maguire realized how vital team unity really is.

"After playing on a number of teams since middle school, one thing I've learned is how important a team is," she said. "There aren't individual all-stars on teams; however, the team itself can be 'an all-star.' You can't ever win games when only one person is taking all the credit."

Maguire may be very humble when it comes to discussing her accomplishments, but make not mistake, she has had an all star career at UMW.

Last year Maguire was named second-team All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association. She has also made first team CAC (Capitol Athletic Conference) and first team all-Region consecutively for the past two years.

Maguire is second in career points for a Mary Washington field hockey player, recording 106 points over the past four seasons. She has also led the team in goals, assists, points, and shots, making her one of the most valuable players on the team.

Much of Maguire's success comes from her natural skill, dedication to the sport, and die-hard attitude.

"When we played Salisbury in the playoff game this year, we seniors decided there was no way we were going to lose this game," said teammate senior Caitlin O'Leary. "During warm-ups, Brynn broke her thumb, but instead of complaining about it and not playing, she held back her tears, gripped her stick tighter, and let her thumb swell around her stick and she could still play. It was one of her best games."

In November, Maguire was given the honor of playing in the NFHCA Senior All-Star Game. This is a nation-wide team in which the top 30 seniors of division three field hockey in the southern region and the top thirty seniors of division three field hockey in the northern region of the country are selected to play together as teams on final-four weekend. This year the game was held at Washington and Lee University in Lexington.

Maguire held her own among the best of the division and scored five goals in the game.

"I had a blast," Maguire said. "I wasn't sure what to expect since I was going to be teammates with a lot of really talented players, but I was surprised and pleased with how well we were able to play together."

Maguire believes that one of the reasons why she enjoyed that game so much was because a lot of this season's team was there to cheer her on in the bleachers.

"When I look at my career, I really couldn't have done it without my team," Maguire said. "They really make me who I am both on and off the field."

Maguire first picked up a field hockey stick in sixth grade and has continued to evolve as a player ever since.

"I can remember freshman year, I was always on the ground," Maguire said. "I was a scrappy player. Looking back at how I used to play in high school, I'm just blown away by my level of play. One thing I've realized is it's always better to stay on your feet and be composed and patient."

According to O'Leary Maguire has earned every honor that can come her way for the impact she has made upon the Eagles' field hockey season the last four years.

"There's not a doubt in my mind, she deserves to be all-American," O'Leary said.

Maguire's Career Stats And Accomplishments

- * 106 points
- * 46 goals
- * First team all-American
- * All CAC conference first team
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Sports

Eagles Win Fourth Straight

Men's Basketball Tops Frostburg, Lancaster Bible College Back To Back

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

Lancaster Bible College needed more than a wing and a prayer last night.

The University of Mary Washington men's basketball team didn't show any mercy as they beat the Chargers, 93-46, for their fourth straight win.

UMW dominated Lancaster Bible for the start on both ends of the court. The Chargers were unable to keep up with the Eagles, who pushed the tempo from start to finish.

"Tonight we came out and played hard for 40 minutes," said junior A.J. Fitzgerald. "We didn't embarrass them which is something we didn't want to do, but we did get the win."

The Eagles pulled ahead 56-23 shot a stunning 45.8 percent from behind the arc by halftime. Led by junior Mike Lee who made four of six three-pointers, the Eagles broke a school record for most three-pointers in a game with 19.

Eagle starters eventually came out of the game to allow teammates on the bench to get playing time in. By the final buzzer every UMW player had scored.

Top performances for the game included junior Mike Lee with 14 points, eight rebounds, five steals, and four assists, with sophomore Justin Baker and freshman Matt Treacy, who recorded 13 and nine points respectively.

The Chargers were never able to get an effective offense going and matched their first half's total with another 23 points in the second half, falling short to UMW.

Head coach Rod Wood was pleased with his team's performance.

"It's really tough to keep focused when you get big leads and that's why it was nice to see that we were able to keep focused tonight," he said.

The Eagles had headed into yesterday's game with a big win under their belts after Tuesday's 91-82 win over Frostburg State University.

Baker led the Eagles against the Bobcats with a career high 31 points, ten rebounds, two assists and one steal. He credited his performance to his teammates.

"When you play with guys like [junior Mike Lee] and A.J. they open up

halftime and were 17 of 34 from the floor. The Eagles added nine three-pointers and nine free throws to put them ahead at halftime, 52-33, after a 17-8 run.

Despite trailing for most of the game, Frostburg wasn't going down without a fight. With UMW's starters on the bench, Frostburg cut the 20 point deficit in a hurry with four and a half minutes remaining. With 16 seconds left in the game, Frostburg managed to cut UMW's lead to five, 88-82.

Wood was unhappy with the UMW's play and lack of focus against the Bobcats in the second half.

"For one half we played well and for one half we played atrocious," Wood said. "I don't really care so much about wins and losses, I want us to play well for extended periods of time and we didn't."

Fitzgerald agreed.

"We came out and we played down to our competition," he said. "We were up by so many points and then we lost the lead because we got complacent."

Despite cutting UMW's lead, the Bobcats were unable to score any more and Lee cemented the win with four good free throw shots in the last 16 seconds.

With a 5-1 record Wood knows exactly what the Eagles need to do to make it to the NCAA tournament.

"As I've told the guys, we're playing against ourselves," Wood said. "If we can come and reach our maximum every game, then regardless of whether we win or lose, it will be a win for us. The way that we're going to make it to the NCAA tournament is to win our conference championship and that's really what we're playing towards. The win right now is just icing on the cake."

The Eagles will look to increase their winning streak to five when they host Shenandoah University Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.



Dan Coe/Bulletin

Junior A.J. Fitzgerald shoots a jumper over a Frostburg State University defender. Fitzgerald contributed 11 points to UMW's 91-82 victory over Frostburg. With a 93-46 win over Lancaster Bible College last night, the Eagles have won four straight games.

“ We were up by so many points and then we lost the lead because we got complacent.

—Junior A.J. Fitzgerald

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everything for you and make the game much easier," Baker said. "And when you have great shooters it just opens up the middle and I can operate a little better."

Other key players in the game included Lee, who contributed 15 points, four assists, one steal, and four rebounds. Freshman Kiernan Whitworth and Fitzgerald had 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Frostburg led 19-17 with 13 minutes left in the first half. This would be their last lead of the game.

UMW gave a shooting clinic before

NFL Teams In Postseason Hunt



By DAVE GLOVER
Staff Writer

It's sad to see such a remarkable player care more about the money than his team's performance.

Is the drama finally over? Can we focus on football now?

For the first half of the season, fans of the NFL had to stomach the ridiculous charade that the Eagles' Terrell Owens put on for the cameras. Even though his talent is undeniable, his demeanor and actions off the field have torn Andy Reid's team apart.

The Eagles might as well suit up Seth Cohen from the O.C. Deion "Primetime" Sanders, Jerry Rice, and Emmitt Smith all had the same flash as Owens, but when it came time for business they shut up and put up (and now they all have something that Owens doesn't—an NFL championship ring).

Whether or not the Eagles can make the playoffs is a moot point, since the depth of the NFC is so shallow. The discrepancy between the AFC and NFC is absolutely shocking. All those placing bets in dormitory pools better take heed when looking at teams from the NFC because it's going to be awhile before the talent can match that of the AFC.

The main question that has developed this year in the NFL is of course whether or not the Colts can complete the regular season 16-0. Looking at their remaining schedule, the feat (which has only been accomplished once in the

history of the league) seems to be a pipe dream since the Colts still have to travel to their division rival Jacksonville and the NFC leading Seattle Seahawks. A tough road indeed.

Peyton Manning has already silenced many of his annual critics this year after a strong, record breaking 2004 season and victory at New England, a place where he has previously struggled.

Focus on the Colts has shifted the heat away from the New England Patriots, the team I picked to win the Superbowl. I don't like changing picks midseason, so even with the 12-0 record and seemingly invincible trio of Manning-James-Harrison, I'm going to stick with the Pats with a few things in mind.

First of all, New England has had a ridiculous amount of injuries. The fact that their secondary wasn't exploited more week after week is extremely surprising. You'd think offensive coordinators in the NFL would be salivating

watching the tapes from the first 10 weeks of the Patriots season, but it seemed like many coaches played it conservatively, giving the defending champs time to rest and recover. How exciting was it to see the return of Tedy Bruschi a mere eight months after his near-career-ending stroke?

Make no mistake, the Patriots are not the same team that ran the AFC from 2001-2004.

Other teams are making noise in the league, Charlie Weis has a long term contract in South Bend, and Bill Belichick is having to find new ways each week to sculpt his wins.

But some things never change. Tom Brady has kept his team right there in the hunt for the playoffs and if the missing pieces of the Patriot puzzle make it back by January, you can expect the Pats will be right back in the Superbowl mix.

In this case the saying will ring more true than ever. In the playoffs, anything can happen.

Team of the Week

The women's basketball team won its seventh straight game Tuesday with a 68-58 win over Newport News Apprentice School. The Eagles remain undefeated this season.

Athletes of the Week

Junior Carissa Culbreath broke the school record in the indoor track and field 20 lb. throw with a distance of 41 feet, 6.25 inches at the Christopher Newport University Lidlifter competition Sunday. Freshman Matt Heidman broke the school record in the 60 meter high hurdles at 9.63 seconds.